

EI-2430 CG
AB-167(1185x)



" Heidi Jamieson"
<jamiesoh@mccc.edu>
07/24/2006 01:38 PM

To <gliddenc@stb.dot.gov>
cc <khamilton@mercercounty.org>
bcc
Subject Camden & Amboy Rail line through Washington Township

Dear Ms. Glidden,

My husband and I are residents of the village of Windsor in Washington Township, Mercer County, New Jersey. We reside at 50 Church Street.

I am writing because we are very concerned about the preservation of the Camden & Amboy Rail line. Windsor would not exist if it were not for the C & A. Our history revolves around the railroad. This alone should suffice a reason to preserve the line.

But it is not just in looking back that the need for its preservation is obvious. One of the best ways to conserve gasoline is to utilize mass transit. If we don't preserve the line, if the real estate were opened up for development, we would lose the opportunity to revive the rail line and connect with other existing, operational lines.

Again, looking forward, we must understand the importance of preserving what's left of the line, including all markers and rail segments, for the purposes of showing the children of the community their heritage. As our leaders of tomorrow, they must learn their local history in order to make effective decisions about the future. It's not good enough for the past to be preserved in photographs. It must be something that can be walked, touched and seen first-hand to be meaningful.

Please, we ask that you make the necessary designations to keep the right of way intact and that you do what it takes legally to ensure that the property cannot be opened up to commercial developers.

All best wishes,

Heidi Jamieson
Office Manager/Development Associate
WWFM The Classical Network
609-587-8989 (office)
609-586-4533 (fax)
Streaming live, 24/7, at: www.WWFM.org
Corporation for Public Broadcasting Member